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Federal Stimulus Funding Available for Clean Diesel for Utah Agriculture Program

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED TO QUALIFY

Salt Lake City -- The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) is encouraging agriculture-oriented interests that operate diesel engines to immediately apply for federal funding to reduce diesel engine emissions. The application deadline for this program is Wednesday April 8, and applicants are encouraged to act immediately. The State Clean Diesel for Agriculture Program is designed to reduce pollutants emitted from diesel engines.

Utah is competing for up to \$1 million dollars from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which would be made available for improvements to or replacement of diesel engines used in agricultural operations and in the transport of agricultural products. Priority may be given to projects in areas of higher air pollution.

Questions can be directed to Bruce Richeson at the UDAF, (801)538-4931 or Mat Carlile at the Utah Department of Environmental Quality at: (801) 536-4136.

Projects in the following categories are eligible for funding: Verified Idle Reduction Technologies or Auxiliary Power Units are eligible for up to 100% project funding; Certified Engine Re-powering projects are eligible for up to 75% funding; Certified Vehicle Replacement projects are eligible for up to 25% funding.

“This is an opportunity for agriculture operators who use diesel engines to improve or modify these engines, or in some cases replace equipment, at a significant cost reduction,” said Utah Commissioner of Agriculture and Food, Leonard Blackham.

Those interested in making an application may join a telephone conference call at 11:00 a.m., on Monday, March 30th, or participate in person at the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Building located at 350 North Redwood Road, Salt Lake City to learn more about the program. Conference call information: (866) 258-0959 then dial room number *8323282* (dial star before and after the numbers)

In-depth information, including application forms and instructions are available at:

<http://ag.utah.gov>

Other details of the program are located at: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/prgnational.htm>

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